

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are pending in the application, of which claims 1, 9, 16, and 24 are independent. Favorable reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

The examiner rejected claims 1 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §112. The applicant has amended claims 1 and 16 to obviate this rejection and requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

The examiner has rejected claims 1-23 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Rosenbluth (US 2003/0115426), Wolrich (US 2003/0115347), and Wolrich (US 2003/0110166). The applicants submit herewith a declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.132. Therefore, the applicants request that this rejection be withdrawn.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

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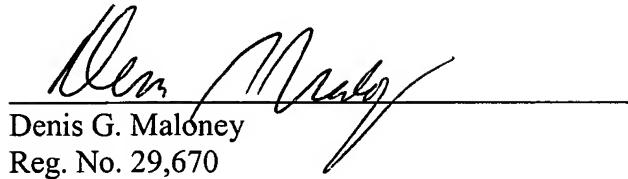
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